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ATGS: PEPR, IZ, CU  
SUBJECT: IRAQI-CUBAN RELATIONS: A NAM SITE BETTER

1. THE CELEBRATION OF CUBA'S REVOLUTION RECEIVED FAIRLY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND A RARE, HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED VISIT BY RCC VICE-CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN. HUSSEIN, WHO SELDOM ATTENDS SUCH FUNCTIONS (BUT WENT TO THE LAST ONE GIVEN BY THE CUBANS), SPENT AN HOUR WITH THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR. MEDIA HAVE EXTOLLED THE CUBAN ROLE IN FIGHTING IMPERIALISM, ADVANCING CAUSES OF THE THIRD WORLD, AND SUPPORTING LIBERATION EFFORTS.

2. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE IRAQI POLICY THAT STRATEGIC RELATIONS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY MINOR DIVERGENCIES, THE TREATMENT ACCORDING CUBA MAY BE RELATED TO THE VERY STRONG IRAQI DESIRE TO HOST THE 1982 NAM SUMMIT. IRAQ HAS CLEARLY STATED ITS SUPPORT OF HAVANA AS THE NEXT MEETING PLACE, AND LOCAL THIRD-WORLD OBSERVERS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THAT ISSUE-FOR THE IRAQIS-IS AS MUCH RESPONSIBLE

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FOR PRO-CUBAN IRAQI RHETORIC AS IS THE GOI'S NORMAL STANCE IN NAM ISSUES. IRAQ IS REPORTEDLY CONCERNED THAT NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES BAGHDAD IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA FOR THE SITE, AND WILL NEED ALL THE SUPPORT THAT CAN BE OBTAINED.

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